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Security Council

11 a.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

Other matters

Monday, 15 December 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m. . . . . 69th plenary meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: specific meeting focused on development . . . . . [107]
2. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization: draft resolution (A/63/L.39/Rev.1) . . . . . [114 (i)]

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Thursday, 18 December 2008, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "The situation in the Middle East". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; fax 1 (212) 963-7878; tel. 1 (212) 963-5258), from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. *Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than five minutes.*

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Monday, 15 December 2008

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

11 a.m. . . . . Informal meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 6

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 23rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 . . . . . [130]

   First performance report of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/63/558 and A/63/595)

2. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 . . . . . [131]

   First performance report of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/63/559 and A/63/595)

   Revised estimates arising in respect of Security Council resolution 1800 (2008) on the appointment of additional *ad litem* judges at the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (A/62/809 and A/62/7/Add.38)

   Introduction and general discussion

3. Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 . . . . . [118]

   Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 related to the Rule of Law Unit (A/63/154 and A/63/594)

   Introduction and general discussion

4. Programme Planning . . . . . [119]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/63/L.4

5. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency . . . . . [127]

   Action on draft decision A/C.5/63/L.3

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 130 and 131 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994; and Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/63/558, A/63/559, A/63/595, A/62/809, A/62/7/Add.38, A/62/681, A/62/734, A/63/5/Add.11, A/63/5/Add.12, A/62/30 (Chapter II) and A/62/30/Corr.1))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/63/282, A/63/132, A/63/298, A/62/274, A/61/861, A/61/850, A/61/732, A/61/30/Add.1, A/63/310, A/63/310/Add.1, A/63/310/Add.2, A/63/310/Add.3, A/62/315, A/62/628, A/62/628/Add.1, A/C.5/62/L.9, A/63/202, A/62/186, A/61/206, A/62/890, A/61/957, A/63/208, A/62/215, A/61/806, A/61/806/Add.1, A/63/189, A/62/185, A/61/1029, A/63/285, A/61/822, A/63/301, A/62/285, A/63/290, A/63/204, A/62/845, A/62/845/Add.1, A/61/283, A/61/694, A/61/694/Add.1, A/62/707, A/62/707/Add.1, A/63/221, A/62/7/Add.14 (Sects. III-X), A/63/526, A/63/526/Corr.1, A/C.5/63/3, A/C.5/63/3/Add.1 and A/C.5/63/3/Add.2))

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 23rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Human Rights Council
2. Programme budget implications
3. Revised estimates on persons with disabilities
4. Executive session

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Sierra Leone configuration

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda (PBC/3/SLE/1)[1]

[1]To be issued.

2. Biannual review of the Sierra Leone Peacebuilding Cooperation Framework
3. Other matters

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Working Group on Lessons Learned

There will be a meeting (open) of the Working Group on Lessons Learned of the Peacebuilding Commission on "Comparative experiences in developing national capacities after conflict" on *Monday, 15 December 2008*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

There will be an informal briefing by the Department on Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on "Partnerships" on *Monday, 15 December 2008,* at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to be immediately followed by another informal briefing on the "African Union Peacekeeping Support Team (AUPST)".

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Informal briefing

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal briefing on UNICEF's accountability system and on the follow-up to the evaluation of the gender policy implementation on *Monday, 15 December 2008,* from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Monday, 15 December 2008

General Assembly

Meeting of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/63/L.8, entitled "Security and climate change" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Tonga and the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS))

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/63/L.8, entitled "Security and climate change" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Tonga and the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS))

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/63/L.29, entitled "International Labour Organization Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization" (under agenda item 44) (convened by the delegations of Norway and the United Republic of Tanzania)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Other meetings

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Monday, 15 December 2008

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights (Guatemala draft declaration and programme of action)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Press conferences

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Monday, 15 December 2008

Presentation of the National Human Rights Plan by the Vice-President of the Spanish Government, on the occasion of the commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (organized by the Permanent Mission of Spain)

From 12 noon to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Pilar Serrano, Permanent Mission of Spain (tel. 1 (212) 661-1050; e-mail pserrano@spainun.org).]

Panel discussion on "The contribution of population policy to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals" (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ms. Hania Zlotnik, Population Division, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-3179; e-mail zlotnik@un.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Monday, 15 December 2008

Room S-226

Guest at noon . . . . . Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict (on her recent visit to Nepal and the Philippines)

Security Council stakeout

1 p.m. . . . . H.E. Ms. María Teresa Fernández de la Vega, First Vice-President of the Spanish Government

Conference Room 4

4 p.m. . . . . Principals of the Middle East Quartet – H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations; H.E. Mr. Sergei Lavrov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; H.E. Ms. Condoleezza Rice, United States Secretary of State; H.E. Mr. Javier Solana, High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy of the European Union; and H.E. Ms. Benita Ferrero-Waldner, European Commissioner for External Relations

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 24th meeting on Tuesday 16, December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 24th meeting, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Organizational Committee

An informal meeting (closed) of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 17 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All Member States are invited to attend.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

The informal open-ended working group on enhanced rapidly deployable capacities of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold an informal meeting on Wednesday, 17 December 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Convention on the Rights of the Child

Meeting of the States Parties
Twelfth Meeting

The Twelfth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child will be held on Tuesday, 16 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The purpose of this meeting is to elect 9 members of the Committee on the Rights to replace those whose terms of office are due to expire on 28 February 2009. The documents for the Meeting are CRC/SP/5* (rules of procedure), CRC/SP/39, CRC/SP/40 and CRC/SP/40/Add.1. Credentials should be submitted to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (room S-2914) prior to *Tuesday, 16 December*. Pursuant to article 43 paragraph 5 of the Convention, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-thirds of the States Parties. In the recent past, meetings of States Parties have been substantially delayed or cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. In order to avoid such occurrences, it is imperative for States Parties to be present at the appointed time for the meeting.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund
First regular session 2009

The first regular session 2009 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Monday, 19, to Thursday, 22 January 2009, in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2009/L.1. Member States as well as Observers and other organizations attending the session are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board (marcela.romero@undp.org) or by fax (1 (212) 906-

5634), as early as possible, but *no later than 12 January 2009*. The session will be preceded by an informal consultation on matters to be taken up at the first regular session of the Board, on Wednesday, 7 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Friday, 23, and Monday, 26 January 2009, in Conference Room 2. According to decision 2006/14, the Board decided that prior to the convening of the joint meeting, the new Bureau should be selected, and therefore there will be a formal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, on Friday, 9 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights (Guatemala draft declaration and programme of action)

Tuesday, 16 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

Wednesday, 17 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Forthcoming other activities

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Special events on the occasion of the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation on the theme "Eyes on South-South development solutions" (organized by the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP)

Tuesday, 16 December 2008

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:

Launch of the Global South-South Development Expo and leaders' round table

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1:

Round table on "Leveraging market solutions for human development"

Wednesday, 17 December 2008

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Round table on "Showcasing solutions in public-private partnership for development"

From 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Round table on "Showcasing solutions in disaster-risk reduction and climate change"

Thursday, 18 December 2008

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Round table on "Showcasing solutions in poverty alleviation"

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7:
Round table on "Increasing effectiveness of South-South cooperation for development" — a workshop for practitioners of South-South and triangular cooperation

Friday, 19 December 2008

From 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Round table on "The role of media in development"

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Dingding Sun, Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP (tel. 1 (212) 906-5819; e-mail dingding.sun@undp.org); or visit the Web site of the Special Unit <http://ssc.undp.org>.]

Seminar on "The real estate and financial crisis: Causes, effects and impacts on development" (organized by the Economic Commission for Europe and its Real Estate Market Advisory Group, in cooperation with the International Real Estate Federation)

Tuesday, 16 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[The Deputy Secretary-General will make opening remarks. All are invited to attend. For further information, please visit <www.un.org/regionalcommissions/>; or contact the Regional Commissions New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-2348 or 963-8088; e-mail silvern@un.org).]

UNITAR Migration and Development Series — Panel discussion on the occasion of International Migrants Day on the theme "The human rights of migrants: Facilitating migrants' participation in national and international affairs" (organized by UNITAR, in collaboration with IOM, UNFPA, International IDEA, the Center for Migration Studies and the MacArthur Foundation)

Thursday, 18 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and registration, please visit <www.unitarny.org/en/migrantsday08.html>; or contact Ms. Sarah Rosengaertner, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail rosengaertner@un.org).]

High-level panel discussion on "Human rights, sexual orientation and gender identity" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Brazil, Croatia, France, Gabon, the Netherlands and Norway)

Thursday, 18 December 2008, from 1 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nabila Habbida, Permanent Mission of France (tel. 1 (646) 839-6659; e-mail nabila.habbida@diplomatie.gouv.fr); or Ms. Floor Boekhorst, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (tel. 1 (212) 519-5738; e-mail floor.boekhorst@minbuza.nl).]

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: Extension of deadline for submission of names of expert panellists

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 19 December 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

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Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

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Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 11 December 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

67th plenary meeting

Reports of the Sixth Committee

The Rapporteur of the Sixth Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 72 to 79, 99, 110, 119, 129, 150, 151, 153 and 156.

Under rule 66 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the Sixth Committee which were before the Assembly.

Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/436) . . . . . [72]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/63/436) (resolution 63/118).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 72.

Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/437) . . . . . [73]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/63/437) (resolution 63/119).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 73.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-first session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/438) . . . . . [74]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to III recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/63/438).

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (resolution 63/120)		Adopted	
Draft resolution II (resolution 63/121)		Adopted	
Draft resolution III (resolution 63/122)		Adopted	

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 74.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/439) . . . . . [75]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/63/439).

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (resolution 63/123)		Adopted	
Draft resolution II (resolution 63/124)		Adopted	

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 75.

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/440) [76]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/63/440) (resolution 63/125).

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 76.

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/441) . . . . . [77]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/63/441) (resolution 63/126).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 77.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/442) [78]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/63/442) (resolution 63/127).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 78.

The rule of law at the national and international levels: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/443) . . . . . [79]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/63/443) (resolution 63/128).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 79.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/444) [99]

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of India and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/63/444) (resolution 63/129).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 99.

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/445) . . . . . [110]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/63/445).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 110.

Programme planning: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/450) . . . . . [119]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/450).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 119.

Administration of justice at the United Nations: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/451) . . . . . [129]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/63/451).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 129.

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/452) . . . . . [150]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/63/452) (resolution 63/130).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 150.

Observer status for the South Centre in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/453) . . . . . [151]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/63/453) (resolution 63/131).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 151.

Observer status for the University for Peace in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/455) . . . . . [153]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/63/455) (resolution 63/132).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 153.

Observer status for the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/454). . . . . [156]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/63/454) (resolution 63/133).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 156.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Sixth Committee before it.

The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict . . . . . [11]

(a) Letter from India transmitting the Report of the Kimberley Process to the General Assembly pursuant to General Assembly resolution 62/11 (A/63/560)

(b) Draft resolution (A/63/L.52)

The representative of India, as Chair of the Kimberley Process, made a statement in the course of which he introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/63/L.52.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the Group of African States), France (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with the statement), the Russian Federation, Botswana, the United States, Angola, Namibia, Canada and Israel.

The General Assembly decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 78 of the rules of procedure in order to proceed immediately to the consideration of draft resolution A/63/L.52.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution A/63/L.52, as orally corrected (resolution 63/134).

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 11.

Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic: report of the Secretary-General (A/63/525) . . . . . [14]

The representative of Angola made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 14.

Sport for peace and development . . . . . [42]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/466)

(b) Draft resolution (A/63/L.51)

The representative of Switzerland made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/63/L.51.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the Group of African States), China, Monaco, Israel, Germany, Kazakhstan, Australia and Jamaica.

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Sport for peace and development: draft resolution (A/63/L.51) . . . . . [42]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 42.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.51 (resolution 63/135).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 42.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: draft resolution (A/63/L.48) [65]

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolutions (A/63/L 47, A/63/L.49 and A/63/L.53)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolution (A/63/L.45)

(c) Assistance to the Palestinian people: draft resolution (A/63/L.50)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 65 and its sub-items (a) to (c).

The representative of Indonesia made a statement, in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/63/L.47.

The representative of Liberia made a statement, in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/63/L.45.

The representative of France (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with the statement) made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/63/L.48 and A/63/L.50.

The representative of Sweden made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/63/L.49.

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement, in the course of which she introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/63/L.53.

The General Assembly decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 78 of the rules of procedure in order to proceed immediately to the consideration of draft resolution A/63/L.53.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Brazil, the United States, France (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with the statement), Switzerland and Canada.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/63/L.45 (resolution 63/136), A/63/L.47 (resolution 63/137), A/63/L.48 (resolution 63/138), A/63/L.49 (resolution 63/139) and A/63/L.50 (resolution 63/140).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.53, as orally revised (resolution 63/141).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Singapore, the Syrian Arab Republic and Costa Rica.

Statements after adoption were made by the representatives of Colombia and Mexico, and by the observer for Palestine.

The representative of China made a statement on a point of order.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-items (a) to (c) of agenda item 65 and agenda item 65 as a whole.

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft resolution (A/63/L.25/Rev.1) [107]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 107.

The representative of Switzerland made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/63/L.25/Rev.1.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.25/Rev.1 (resolution 63/142).

The representative of Turkey made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 107.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries: draft resolution (A/63/L.41) . . . . . [114 (f)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (f) of agenda item 114.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.41 (resolution 63/143).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (f) of agenda item 114.

The President made an appeal to those Member States intending to submit draft resolutions on the remaining sub-items to do so as soon as possible.

Friday, 12 December 2008

Security Council

6038th meeting

The situation in Cyprus

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/2008/744)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2008/779, which had been submitted by China, France, the Russian Federation, the

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2008/779) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2008/779) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1847 (2008).

6039th meeting

The situation in the Middle East

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/2008/737)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2008/771, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2008/771) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2008/771) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1848 (2008).

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2008/46).

6040th meeting

International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Letter dated 5 December 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/767)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2008/780, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2008/780) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2008/780) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1849 (2008).

6041st meeting

International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994

Letter dated 21 November 2008 from the President of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/729)

Letter dated 21 November 2008 from the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such

Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January 1994 and 1 December 1994 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/726)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kenya, Rwanda and Serbia, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure to Judge Patrick Robinson, President of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991; Judge Dennis Byron, President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994; Mr. Serge Brammertz, Prosecutor of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991; and Mr. Hassan Bubacar Jallow, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council heard briefings by Judge Patrick Robinson, Judge Dennis Byron, Prosecutor Serge Brammertz and Prosecutor Hassan Bubacar Jallow.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium, France, the United States, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Italy, Panama, Burkina Faso, Viet Nam, Indonesia, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Costa Rica and China, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Croatia.

The Council heard statements by the distinguished Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Rwanda, H.E. Mr. Tharcisse Karugarama, and by the representatives of Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kenya.

Judge Byron and Prosecutor Jallow provided clarifications in response to comments.

6042nd meeting

The situation in Chad, the Central African Republic and the subregion

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (S/2008/760)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of the Central African Republic and Chad, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Victor Da Silva Angelo, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Angelo.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of the Central African Republic and Chad.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, France and Italy.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Singapore (11 December 2008)[1]

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Ratification: Republic of Korea (11 December 2008)[1]

International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. New York, 20 December 2006

Declaration under article 31: France (9 December 2008)[1]

Declaration under article 32: France (9 December 2008)[1]

Ratification: Senegal (11 December 2008)[1]

Agreement on International Roads in the Arab Mashreq. Beirut, 10 May 2001

Adoption of Amendments to Annex I of the Agreement: 11 December 2008.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

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H.E. Mr. Mohammed Loulichki

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H.E. Ms. Gabriela Shalev

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